

Chester Middle

1014 McCandless Road
Chester, SC 29706

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	650 Students	
Principal	Cedrick R. Tidwell	803-377-8192
Superintendent	Dr. Agnes Slayman	803-385-6122
Board Chair	Mrs. Patricia Hensley	803-789-5810

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Below Average	Average
2013	Below Average	Average
2012	Average	Average
2011	Below Average	Below Average
2010	Below Average	Below Average

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
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Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

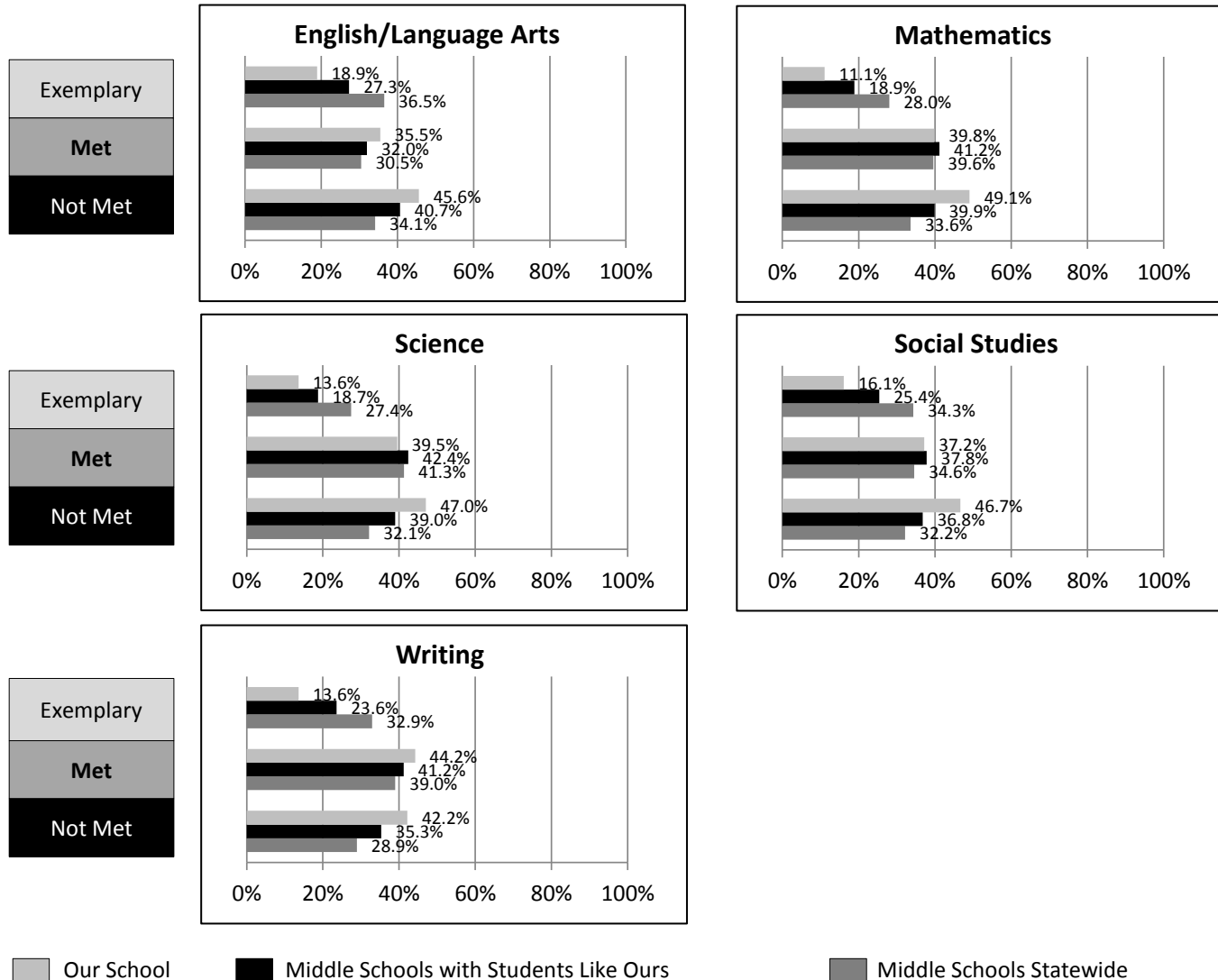
98.1%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
0	1	49	11	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n = 650)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	3.3%	Down from 47.1%	20.0%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.3%	Down from 0.6%	0.8%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	95.3%	Up from 93.9%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	19.8%	Up from 19.0%	14.3%	19.4%
With disabilities	14.2%	Down from 14.8%	14.5%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	9.1%	Down from 10.8%	5.4%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.4%	Down from 4.2%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 38)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	71.1%	Up from 64.3%	58.5%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	71.1%	Down from 81.0%	73.5%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.9%	Down from 85.7%	83.6%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.8%	Down from 94.2%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,795	Down 0.1%	\$46,869	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	7.3 days	Up from 5.8 days	11.5 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.2 to 1	Down from 22.6 to 1	20.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.1%	Up from 87.1%	89.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	91.8%	Up from 89.8%	99.0%	99.0%
Character development program	Average	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,022	Up 11.2%	\$7,727	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.8%	Up from 65.0%	61.9%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.3%	Up from 65.0%	60.4%	61.3%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	97.1%
English 1	100.0%	95.0%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	96.8%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Chester Middle School, located in Chester, South Carolina, is one of three middle schools in Chester County School District. Our school's mission is to create an environment that ensures the academic success of all students as determined by state and national standards through collaboration with all stakeholders.

During the 2013-2014 school year, the "Cyclone Huddle" or remediation/enrichment period was revised to focus on reading. Students were grouped by national percentile rankings based on their MAP scores and provided the appropriate reading intervention or enrichment activity to help improve their reading performance. In addition, a data wall was created in order to provide teachers and administrators an efficient way to analyze student reading and math MAP data. Students were also provided the opportunity to participate in a school beautification project that included painting two murals in the halls. The students took great pride in the completing the task.

Chester Middle School is very proud of its students for their academic achievements. Several students were rewarded for their academic achievement during the year. In addition, Chester Middle School had 6 junior scholars. These students scored 50 or higher on the PSAT in the areas of verbal, math or writing. In addition, there was one student who received an honorable mention for the Duke Scholar program. Another student was accepted into the South Carolina Governor's School of Arts Summer Music Program.

As we move into the new school year, Chester Middle School is excited to continue its community partnerships that fund the Snack Pack initiative, provides cultural awareness and school supplies for students. Data analysis will also continue to be executed by faculty members to improve student achievement in all academic areas for all students. In addition, Chester Middle School will institute a Positive Behavior Intervention System to continue to meet the recommendations made by the School Improvement Council, parents, and faculty. We encourage parents and community members to become involved in the educational process and the lives of our students. Collaboration amongst teachers, parents, and the community is required to ensure the success of our young people.

Creighton Price, School Improvement Council Chair

Cedrick R. Tidwell, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	19	195	133
Percent satisfied with learning environment	73.7%	64.6%	75.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.9%	69.5%	68.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	63.2%	86.6%	63.8%

* Only students at the highest middle school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	50.6
Overall Grade Conversion	F

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

Chester Middle has been designated as a:

	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
X	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State	
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.3	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.1%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.3%	94.0%*	Yes
			State
Professional qualifications of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)			61.9%
Percentage of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials			0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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SC PASS Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean*	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested
Grades 6-8							
All Students	603.3	606.6	607.7	610.5	100.0	99.8	99.8
Male	595.3	606.1	604.9	613.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	611.2	607.0	610.8	607.7	100.0	99.7	99.5
White	620.1	619.0	627.9	629.1	100.0	99.5	99.2
African American	595.1	599.5	597.3	601.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	565.4	580.4	580.8	584.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	595.7	600.7	601.2	602.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

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Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	6	238	603.7	99.2	238	606.6	99.2
	7	224	608.3	99.6	224	603.3	99.6
	8	174	604.7	100.0	174	616.7	100.0
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	6	119	599.1	100.0	119	613.8	99.2
	7	224	610.5	99.6	224	606.3	99.6
	8	89	606.8	100.0	85	609.2	100.0

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	190	602.6	100.0	190	604.3	100.0
	7	221	599.7	100.0	221	605.7	100.0
	8	213	607.7	100.0	212	609.5	99.5
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	96	608.2	100.0	94	614.6	100.0
	7	221	607.6	100.0	220	600.7	100.0
	8	110	607.7	99.1	102	628.3	100.0

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NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)							4/27/2015	1201004
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	628.4	628.2	611.3	633.2	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Male	622.2	624.3	610.0	632.2	99.5	99.7	99.8	N/A
Female	635.0	632.4	612.7	634.1	100.0	100.0	99.7	N/A
White	638.1	638.6	622.2	643.5	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
African American	616.5	615.4	597.2	620.3	99.6	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	585.7	583.9	575.8	603.0	98.9	99.5	98.4	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	621.2	619.8	604.0	623.3	99.6	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	609.2	612.9	616.7	619.5	99.9	99.8	99.9	N/A
Male	602.3	611.9	614.1	622.5	99.8	99.8	100.0	N/A
Female	616.1	613.9	619.6	616.6	100.0	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	623.0	624.1	632.9	633.2	99.8	99.6	99.7	N/A
African American	595.8	601.1	600.4	606.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	568.9	586.6	584.2	587.2	99.4	99.4	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	599.4	604.4	607.9	609.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	224.8	214.3	78.4	72.2	99.4	99.7	100.0	75.1
Male	220.1	213.7	78.9	73.8	99.4	100.0	100.0	71.2
Female	229.2	214.8	77.8	70.5	99.4	99.4	100.0	79.5
White	230.5	221.1	81.6	75.6	99.4	99.4	100.0	76.9
African American	219.0	207.5	74.3	68.6	99.4	100.0	100.0	73.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	208.9	198.1	N/A	65.7	100.0	100.0	N/A	36.8
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	219.7	209.6	75.6	68.8	99.1	99.5	100.0	65.8
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

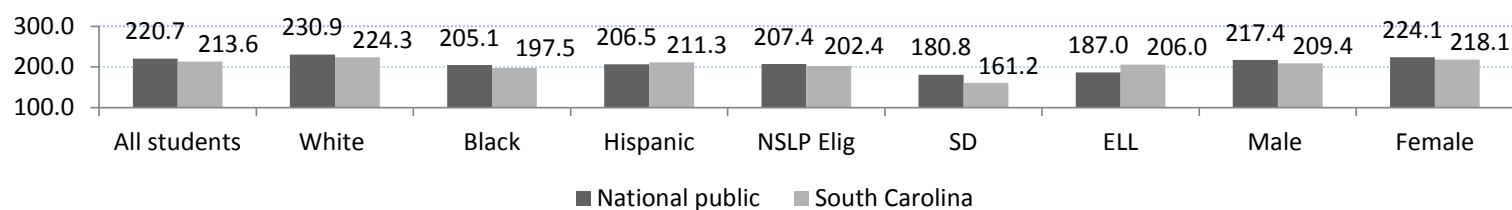
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All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
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All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
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Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
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Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



Reading - Grade 8 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 8 (2013)



Key

NSLP National school lunch program

SD Student with disabilities

ELL English language learner

NAEP National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

Our School

Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments

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